

RESOLUTION NO. 37 - 2015

URGING the Ohio General Assembly to pass legislation that would permit the City of Cincinnati to extend the InvestOhio program at the local level, thereby allowing the City to offer non-refundable municipal income tax credits to investors who invest in Cincinnati-based companies and are qualified to receive State tax credits under the InvestOhio program.

WHEREAS, small businesses are an integral part of job creation and economic development in all communities; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly and the State of Ohio have recognized the importance of small businesses through the establishment of the InvestOhio program in Section 122.86 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the InvestOhio program provides a non-refundable personal income tax credit to investors who provide capital to qualifying Ohio small business in order to acquire an ownership interest; and

WHEREAS, the InvestOhio program generated roughly \$600 million in new private investment in Ohio small businesses in its first biennium; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati region houses many research institutions and universities, facilitating a start-up community with the potential to create hundreds of new jobs in the City; and

WHEREAS, an angel investor is a high net worth individual who invests directly into promising entrepreneurial businesses in return for stock in the companies; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati has one of the highest numbers of qualified investors compared to its peer cities, but currently has one of the smallest angel investor communities in terms of number of active angel investors; and

WHEREAS, in order to take advantage of its resources and facilitate job creation, Cincinnati City Council wishes to increase investment in small businesses, including start-ups and new technology-based companies, within the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, the current tax incentives the City of Cincinnati is permitted to offer based on State legislation are not sufficient to effectively promote adequate investment in small businesses; now, therefore,

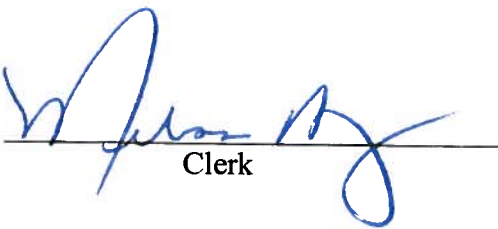
BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

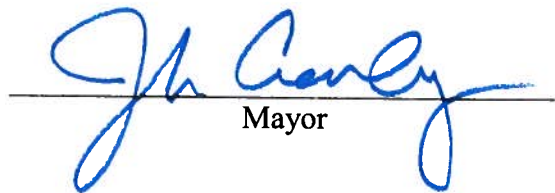
Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council hereby urge the Ohio General Assembly to pass legislation that would permit the City of Cincinnati to extend the InvestOhio program at the local level, thereby allowing the City to offer non-refundable municipal income tax credits to investors who invest in Cincinnati-based companies and are qualified to receive State tax credits under the InvestOhio program.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that copies be sent to Governor John Kasich; Clifford A. Rosenberger, Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives; Senate President Keith Faber; Senate Minority Leader Joe Schiavoni; State Senator Bill Seitz; State Senator Cecil Thomas; State Senator Shannon Jones; State Representative Denise Driehaus; State Representative Alicia Reece; State Representative Christie Bryant Kuhns; State Representative Louis Terhar; State Representative Louis Blessing III; State Representative Jonathan Dever; and State Representative Thomas Brinkman.

Passed: April 29, 2015

Attest:


Clerk


Mayor

Submitted by President Pro Tem Yvette Simpson